



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Zitting et al.

**Serial No.:** 10/757,774

**Filed:** January 15, 2004

**For:** SLEEVE ELEMENT HAVING A  
BIASABLE END REGION, APPARATUS  
INCLUDING SAME, AND METHOD OF  
USE

**Confirmation No.:** 5475

**Examiner:** G. Lee

**Group Art Unit:** 3673

**Attorney Docket No.:** 2822-6022US

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is filed in response to the Election of Species Restriction Requirement mailed September 12, 2005, having an initial period of response expiring on October 12, 2005.